



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:

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ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Restriction Action mailed May 14, 2004, which response is being made on or before
July 14, 2004, and for which a one-month extension fee is due.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, namely Claims 1 – 86, drawn to a
finger-guided instrument.

With respect to the species selection of Group I, Applicant select
Group d. iii. Suturing device (Figures 47-61).

With respect to the sub-species selection, Applicants hereby select
Group d. (i) embodiment in Figures 1-19 corresponding to claims 1-18 and 71-79.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: June 14, 2004